

# IN BARRINGTON

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## 5th Annual Barrington Town-Warming: Feb. 5

Event Will Feature Keynote Speaker Robert Gates in Conversation with Motorola Chairman & CEO Greg Brown

Join us for the 5th Annual Barrington Town-Warming – a re-creation of the robust discussions held in Barrington during the Depression era. This year's keynote speaker is former U.S. Secretary of Defense **Robert Gates**, coming to us via live-stream with Motorola President and CEO **Greg Brown**.

The day focuses on "Security in a Post-Pandemic World" and features in-person panelists from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and Northern Trust.

Journalist **Corey McPherrin** will moderate a panel on the "Security of Our Well-Being" with **Dr. Allison Arwady** from the Chicago Department of Public Health, **Karen Lambert** from Advocate Aurora Healthcare, and **Mark Pfister** from the Lake County Health Department.

After lunch, we welcome **Ron Keaton as Sir Winston Churchill**, who will be followed by our keynote speaker.

*Presented by the Barrington Cultural Commission; in-person tickets are very limited.*



### TICKETS NOW ON SALE

**5th Annual Barrington Town-Warming**  
*"Security in a Post-Pandemic World"*

**Saturday, February 5, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**  
(In-Person tickets limited; Virtual live-streamed tickets also available)

**Tickets:** \$150 In-person; \$75 Virtual (virtual link & password will be distributed)

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Presenting Sponsor: Northern Trust**

**Keynote Speaker Sponsor: Greg & Anna Brown**

**Live-Streaming Sponsor: Kim Duchossois**

Go to [barringtonswwhitehouse.com/events](https://barringtonswwhitehouse.com/events) for tickets.



### BARRINGTON

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*Be Inspired!* Barrington is a beautiful, historic suburb that takes pride in its hometown charm and small-town heritage. It's a place where our residents are inspired every day to get involved and give back to their community. The Village Center is the heart of town with its stately Victorian homes, historic buildings, and dozens of quaint shops and restaurants clustered in five distinct retail areas.

[www.barrington-il.gov](https://www.barrington-il.gov)

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Parking is prohibited on Village streets when snow accumulation exceeds two inches. Go to [www.barrington-il.gov/parking](https://www.barrington-il.gov/parking).**

### SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE NEWS E-BLASTS

Stay in the know by signing up for weekly **Barrington E-Newsletters**. Each week is packed full of information about upcoming events and News You Can Use from the Village. Sign up at [www.barrington-il.gov/updates](https://www.barrington-il.gov/updates).

## WINTER TREE TRIMMING

This winter, Public Works will be performing tree trimming on public rights-of-way in the following neighborhoods:

**Jewel Park; Steeplechase; Chippendale; Flint Creek; and North Avenue** from Main Street on the south, Northwest Highway on the east, the CN tracks on the north, and Hough Street on the west. All work is performed by trained, qualified arborists.

## Public Meetings

### JANUARY 2022

10	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
10	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
11	Plan Commission/ZBA	6:30 pm
12	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
13	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
18	Friends of BWH	3:00 pm
24	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
24	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
25	Plan Commission/ZBA	6:30 pm
27	Architectural Review	6:30 pm

### FEBRUARY 2022

07	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
08	Plan Commission/ZBA	6:30 pm
09	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
10	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
14	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
14	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
22	Plan Commission/ZBA	6:30 pm
23	BWH Advisory Board	3:00 pm
24	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
28	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
28	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS

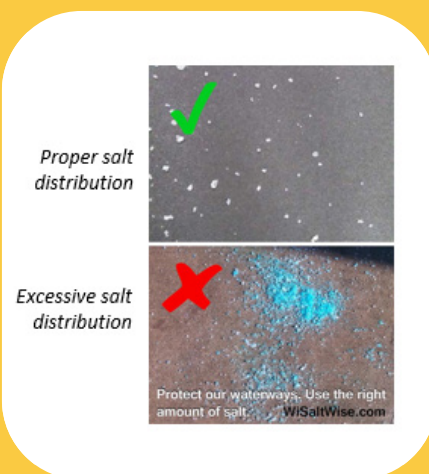
### HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Barrington Public Works Department partners with Elgin Recycling on its Holiday Light Recycling Program. Drop off your used holiday lights at the Public Works Facility, 300 N. Raymond Ave., until March 30, 2022. Accepted are: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords. We do not accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables. For more information, please contact Public Works at (847) 381-7903 or visit [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).



### BE "SALT SMART" THIS WINTER

HELP PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER BY USING SALT SPARINGLY



**Did you know that it only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water?** The groundwater supply in the Barrington area is recharged (replenished) locally, which means what you put on the ground today could be in the water you drink tomorrow. Therefore, the Village of Barrington uses salt sparingly and incorporates alternative methods into its salting practices. Other things you should know:

**Road and pavement salting during the winter months is the primary way chloride enters the environment.**

Rock salt dissolves quickly on roads and driveways, and its chloride flows with stormwater into nearby lakes, streams and wetlands where it builds up and

**Salt products can also be hazardous to pets and animals.** Salt can irritate their paws and cause health problems if ingested. Birds can also confuse road salt for food. Consuming only two particles of rock salt can be fatal.

### TIPS FOR REDUCING SALT USAGE

**Shovel or plow instead of salting.** Clear driveways, walkways and other areas early before snow turns to ice.

**Stop over-salting.** Read instructions on your salting product to ensure proper application rates. A 12-ounce coffee mug full of salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway. Sweep up and re-use excess salt.

**Switch products.** When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, rock salt doesn't work. Use a different ice melter designed for lower temperatures, such as magnesium chloride or calcium chloride. Switch to sand for traction.

**Lower expectations.** Remember, the purpose of salting is to reduce the adherence of snow and ice to the pavement in order to make it easier to remove. It is not intended to keep the roads and walkways completely clean and dry. Support your government's efforts to reduce salt use.

*For more information about the environmental impacts of salt and how to reduce salt pollution, go to [www.BACOG.org](http://www.BACOG.org) and [www.wisaltwise.com](http://www.wisaltwise.com).*



# 2022 Village Budget in Brief

**In December 2021, the Village Board adopted a 2022 Annual Budget of \$39,437,175 effective for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022.**

The budget cycle encompasses a yearlong series of public discussions about operational needs, capital improvements, economic development, debt management, financial forecasting, and strategic planning. The annual budget sets forth a financial plan to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the Village's Strategic Plan for 2021–26.

The budget is structured around the programs and services that are either provided to the community directly or help to internally support those programs.

This program-based budget is intended to demonstrate the link between Village goals and priorities and resource allocation. In order to capture all activity of the Village, the budget incorporates ten (10) separate funds to track program revenues and expenditures (see chart next column).

In addition, the Village of Barrington has a fiduciary relationship with two Pension funds that include police and fire.

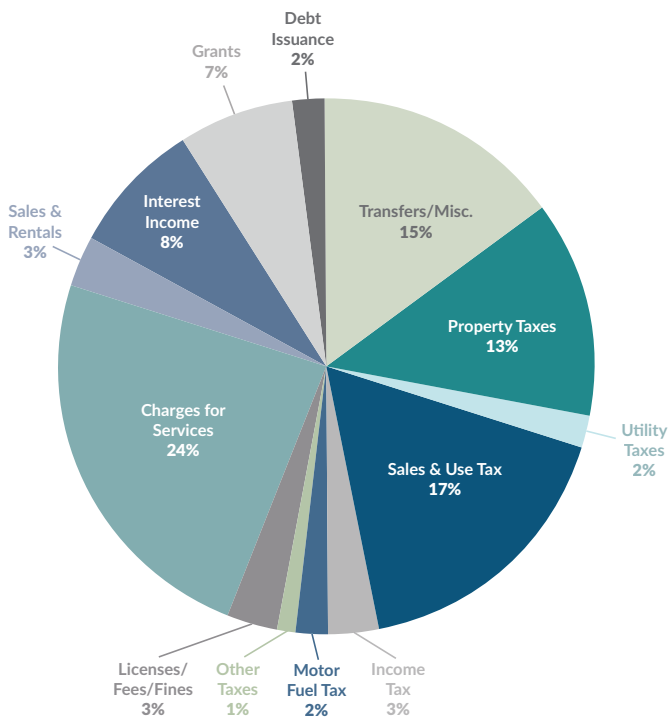
## Governmental Funds

- > General Fund
- > Capital Improvements
- > Debt Service
- > Tax Increment Financing

## Enterprise Funds

- > Water & Sewer
- > Refuse & Recycling
- > Parking
- > Barrington's White House

## 2022 Revenue



The Village strives to maintain a diverse revenue base that is not overly reliant on property taxes to support its services. The large portion of revenues collected are from direct services provided to the community (water delivery and treatment, permitting, ambulance transports, etc).

The chart above shows the distribution of revenue collection in the FY 2022 Annual Budget.

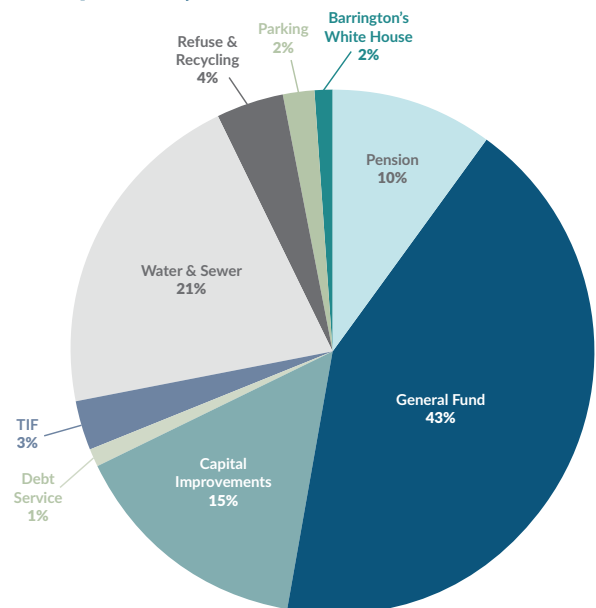
The FY 2022 budget includes the planned use of a portion of our reserves to reinvest in important capital projects noted in the Village's 2022–2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

## 2022 Expenditures

The total budget for all Village expenditures in 2022 is \$39.4 million, representing an increase of 7.7% over the previous year. Much of the increase is due to spending that was deferred in last year's budget in response to the pandemic.

Nearly half of the budget (43%) supports the activities of the General (operating) Fund. The General Fund accounts for most of the core services provided to the community, including police and fire service, street maintenance and snowplowing, forestry, engineering, code enforcement, and general administration. Because the Village is service driven, 71% of the General Fund's expenses go toward providing those services in the form of labor costs.

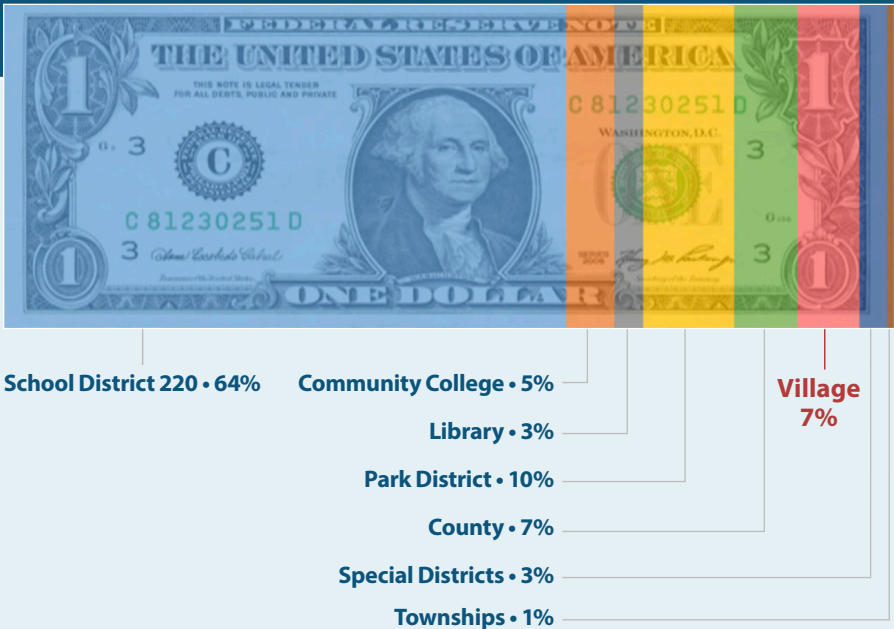
## 2022 Expenses by Fund



*The General Fund includes police and fire service, street maintenance and snowplowing, forestry, engineering, code enforcement, and general administration.*

# A Breakdown of Your Property Tax Dollars

The Village portion of property tax on your real estate funds 13.4% of the Village’s annual budget. Interestingly, of your total annual property tax bill, **only 7% supports the Village**. The graph at right depicts how property taxes are allocated to other taxing bodies in our area.



# Capital Improvements

Capital improvements are permanent additions to the Village’s assets, including the design, construction, purchase, or major renovations of roadways, land, buildings and facilities. They can be new improvements or existing infrastructure whose operation has been extended or enhanced as a result of the project. In the Village budget, 18% is allocated to capital investments (\$7.2 million), including 15% in the Capital Improvements Fund and 3% in the Water & Sewer Fund. Of the total, 64% is allocated to infrastructure improvements, 26% to village property improvements and 10% to the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

## 2022 Budgeted Improvements Include:

- > Route 14 Underpass
- > Water Meter Replacement
- > Lead Service Line Engineering
- > Road Program
- > Vehicles & Equipment

For more information on capital improvement projects, water rates, or the 2022 Annual Budget, go to [barrington-il.gov](http://barrington-il.gov).

Over the last five years, the Village has made considerable investments in its water and sewer utility system to ensure that the quality of water continues to meet or exceed IEPA standards. Recent improvements or enhancements include the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (SSRP) that reduced flooding in a portion of town (while also eliminating sanitary sewer overflows in the same area); replaced water mains with a history of breaks; installed a phosphorous removal system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); created a facility plan for the WWTP to provide for better maintenance and planning of long term projects; replaced Lift Station 1 (of 13) and associated force main; and replaced the Hart Road water main due to a history of breaks.

Grants from federal, state, county, or private entities allows the Village to leverage dollars to supplement Village funds, minimizing Village expenses for local projects. Grants in the amount of \$2.2 million are anticipated for the following projects:

- > \$1,085,000 for the Route 14 Underpass project (in 2022 for Phase II completion)
- > \$577,000 from Lake County for the Hart Road project
- > \$550,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funding

# Water Rate Increase Info

In the 2022 budget, the Village is committed to replacing all customer water meters with state-of-the-art technology (as the current meters have exceeded their useful life), designing a replacement program for lead service lines, and replacing a 5-ton plow truck used for hauling materials during water main breaks. The Village will also create a reserve for repainting water towers (which can cost up to several hundred thousand dollars each), replace deteriorated water mains, and perform repairs and replacements to components of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**To continue to meet the demands of the water and sewer utility it was necessary to increase user fees.** This rate adjustment will ensure that Village infrastructure can continue to provide reliable, safe and quality water to our customers and that wastewater can be treated in an environmentally friendly manner.

## 2022 RESIDENT WATER RATES

### Combined Water & Sewer Rate

OLD RATE	\$11.63/1,000 gallons
NEW RATE	\$13.96/1,000 gallons

### Base Charge (based on meter size)

OLD RATE	\$15.79/month (3/4" meter)
NEW RATE	\$18.95/month (3/4" meter)
OLD RATE	\$11.06/month (5/8" meter)
NEW RATE	\$13.27/month (5/8" meter)

An average resident user of 8,000 gallons per month with a 3/4" meter should see an increase of approximately \$21.77/month.



## A Message from Karen Darch President, Village of Barrington

# Warm Up This Winter with the Town-Warming and the First-Ever “Brrr-ington” Winter Fest

It’s winter in Barrington once again and each year, that means that the Barrington Town-Warming is just around the corner. This is the fifth year that the Barrington Cultural Commission has sponsored this event – it’s a throwback to the late 1930s when our forebears decided to bring in renowned speakers from across the country to “warm up” the town with robust intellectual speeches. Over 1,000 people would descend upon Barrington High School (formerly at the location of the current Hough Street School) each winter for this wonderful event.

For our fifth annual Town-Warming on February 5, we’re thrilled to be having former **U.S. Defense Secretary and CIA Director Robert Gates** live-streamed as our keynote speaker, which has the theme “Security in a Post-Pandemic World.” We are so grateful to Greg and Anna Brown for continuing to bring us outstanding keynote

speakers, and we’re also grateful to Northern Trust for their presenting sponsorship as well as Kim Duchossois for her support of our live-streaming option. You can go to [www.barringtonswHITEHOUSE.com/events](http://www.barringtonswHITEHOUSE.com/events) for tickets and more information.

I’m also excited to invite you to the first-ever “Brrr-ington” Winter Fest, which will be held downtown on Saturday, February 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Village’s new **Manager of Marketing and Events, Amy Seklecki**, has created this free, family-friendly event, which will feature live ice carving demonstrations, a meet and greet with princess favorites Elsa and Ana, face painting, winter-themed games, s’more and hot chocolate stations and more. I hope you’ll bring the entire family and come on out into downtown to break your winter blues!

*Karen Darch*

## OUR ‘ALL ABOUT WATER’ SERIES: Controlling Our Water Supply = Controlling Our Destiny

*Recently we have been focusing on Barrington’s water supply in order to gain a better understanding of the water we have in our community and where it comes from. This article is the fourth in a series from water expert and former BACOG Executive Director **Janet Agnoletti**. To read more, go to [www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov) or scan the QR code below right.*

It is important to protect our groundwater. As we previously discussed, Barrington is very fortunate to have access to a shallow aquifer that is quite capable of meeting all our area’s water needs, as long as we take care to conserve it through some of the methods previously described.

We are fortunate that we can control our municipal water system and its costs. It allows affordable rates for residents and businesses, and all can protect the shallow aquifer through conservation efforts.

**Conservation Is Key.** Conditions such as drought, in combination with high water use, can create a significant strain on the aquifer. In summer, the amount of water pumped can be significantly higher than in winter due to people filling pools and watering landscapes. On average, Barrington’s water use is 58% greater in summer than winter. Thus, the Village implemented an outdoor watering ordinance in 2008 to conserve water during periods of potential

shortage. The Village’s forethought in implementing summer water restrictions helps ensure an adequate community supply.

Re-use of non-potable “gray water” (fully treated wastewater) is another Village management measure used to conserve water. Re-use retains some purified wastewater (called “effluent”) in the watershed instead of sending it downstream and away. Public Works provides this non-potable effluent to contractors for watering. In fact, irrigation contractors are not allowed to take water from hydrants on the municipal system. This practice is a win-win, both reducing withdrawals from the aquifers and enhancing groundwater recharge.

**What About Alternatives?** Sometimes we hear the questions, “Why can’t we get water from Lake Michigan, or should we drill a well to a deep aquifer?” The answer to those questions highlights how valuable an asset our municipally-controlled shallow aquifer system is.

Drilling a deep aquifer could cost as much as \$600,000 to \$1 million...**Read more by scanning the QR code at right or going to [www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov).**



## Stay in the Know During an Emergency:

### Sign Up for Community Alerts

Visit [www.barrington-il.gov/emergencyalerts](http://www.barrington-il.gov/emergencyalerts) to sign up for Reverse 911 alerts to receive phone calls, texts, and/or e-mails in the event of a community emergency.

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911**



## Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small-town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.



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## WINTER REMINDERS

### Snow Piled at End of Driveways

Because there are more than 3,800 driveways in the Village, we do not have enough equipment and personnel to clear snow at the end of driveways. Please wait until the street has been plowed before clearing your driveway; do not shovel snow back into the street.

### Winter Garbage Placement

During the winter months, please place all garbage and recycling containers on the driveway or parkway adjacent to the street. Do not place the containers on the street, as this can create a hazardous condition for snow plowers and residents.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal

Barrington requires residents and business owners to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to your property. Keeping your sidewalk clear is important for preventing hazardous conditions for pedestrians.

### Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Please keep fire hydrants near your property or in your neighborhood clear of snow during the winter months. This will greatly help firefighters in case of an emergency.



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